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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Hispanic Leadership Fund writes to you in support of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. We encourage the Federal Communications Commission to support the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile because it will expand access to faster wireless broadband networks, move the United States wireless industry back into a leadership role in the global high-tech telecommunications marketplace, and provide investment for much needed infrastructure that will create a large number of jobs.

Not only will the potential merger enable expanded access to faster wireless broadband networks, but it will also establish the United States as a global leader in high-tech telecommunications and promote greater innovation, efficiency, and economic opportunity through the investment of private capital.

The power of enabling expanded access to high-speed wireless broadband networks cannot be understated. Those who presently lack such access would be empowered to participate in the Internet community in ways that benefit them as consumers, entrepreneurs, and citizens. Millions of individuals and working families across the nation, including in rural areas, will benefit from access to eHealth, educational programs such as distance learning, and e-business opportunities. Hispanics across the country stand to benefit from increased economic, civic, and social participation.

In addition to the publicly announced \$39 billion dollar purchase price, AT&T has also announced that the merger will result in an investment in infrastructure of \$8 billion over seven years. This substantial investment would come at a critical time for the American economy.

While we believe that consumers overall would benefit from the proposed merger, we are also aware that Hispanics are adopting wireless broadband at a rapid rate and using wireless devices in various aspects of their lives. Increased high-speed wireless broadband speed and accessibility will boost Hispanic participation in the ongoing digital revolution. The substantial infrastructure investment will also result in job creation and increased economic development in Hispanic communities.

We strongly urge the FCC to consider the benefits of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

Sincerely,



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